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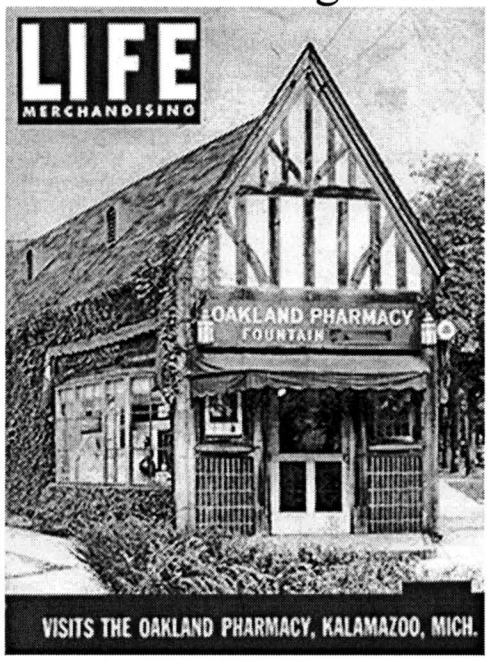
The 'Pharm' to The Strutt

773 West Michigan Avenue: "Where Good Friends Meet"



Life magazine promotion, ca. 1946

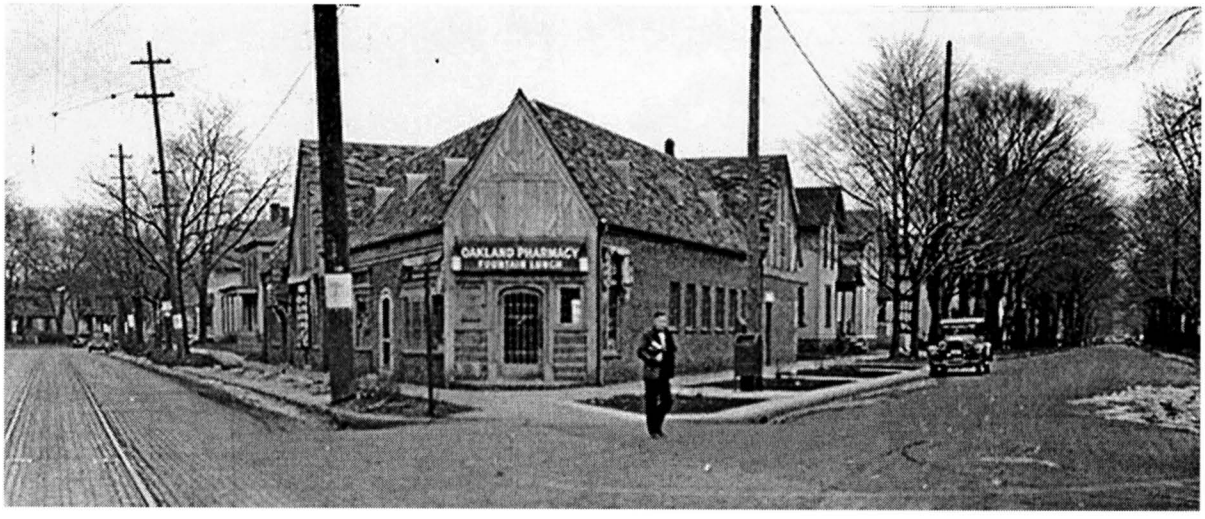
Whether by design, location, or perhaps by chance, certain buildings are destined to become lifelong places where people like to congregate, regardless of the type of business within. From its origins as Oakland Pharmacy, a neighborhood soda fountain, market, and lunch counter, through more than two decades as a renowned music store called Boogie, to its current status as a popular café, bar and performance venue known as The Strutt, the building at the corner of Academy Street and West Michigan Avenue has long stood as a community gathering place "Where Good Friends Meet."

Howard F. Young, Architect

Designed by noted Kalamazoo architect Howard Fields Young, the striking English Tudor style blends distinctive half-timbering, an ivy-covered brick exterior and steeply pitched roof to give the building a timeless, well established, yet warm and inviting appearance. Oakland Pharmacy was one of the few commercial structures designed by Young, and perhaps that's a clue as to why it evokes the comfortable "homey" feeling that remains to this day.

Howard Young received national recognition for his architectural style, and he accomplished much in his tragically short career. His designs include the group of eight Kalamazoo College

faculty homes along Monroe Street, distinctive residences at 2003 Oakland Drive, 1201 Short Road, 2705 Clovelly, 1805 Indiana, 1221 & 1225 Howard Street, and others. Young also designed several notable buildings in Marshall.



Oakland Pharmacy, ca 1929

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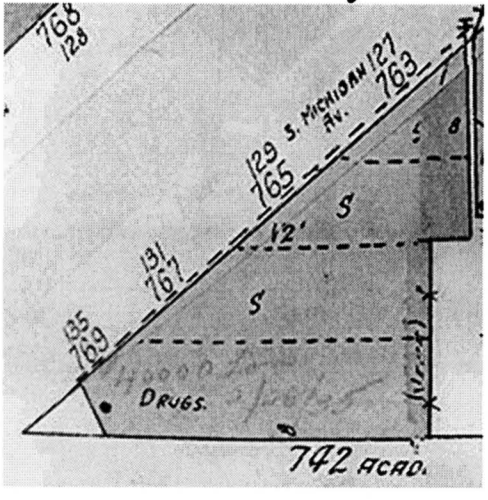
Oakland Pharmacy



Insurance map, w/ overlay ca. 1931

Local History Room

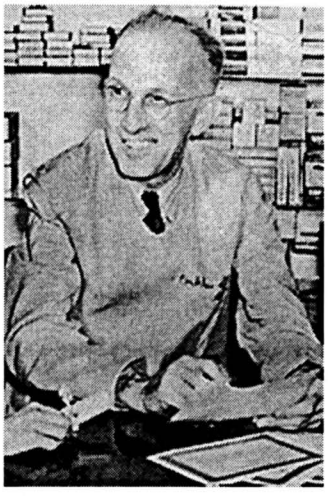
The Oakland Pharmacy building was originally designed to house four separate businesses, with street addresses of 135, 131, 129, and 127 Oakland Drive. (These were later changed to 769, 767, 765 and 763 West Michigan Avenue, respectively). In the end, the pharmacy, including the lunch counter and soda fountain, filled the main portion of the building (occupying two southern-

most sections), while the market occupied the third (center) and the barber shop the fourth (uppermost) section.

"At the Campus Corner"

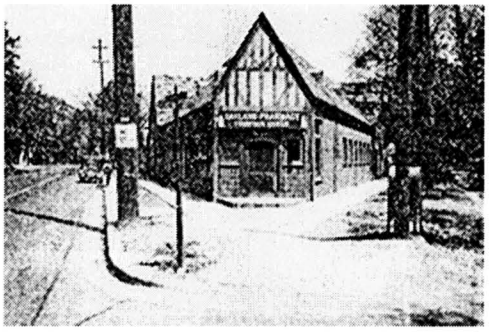
Oakland Pharmacy was opened in May 1926 by proprietor Donald K. Strickland, with his partner and pharmacy manager Edward F. Crabb. Strickland, who also operated a drug store at 241 South Burdick Street, often went by the name "Don Stricknine" (a rather odd nickname for a druggist) and was clearly a silent partner, with most of Oakland Pharmacy's day-to-day operations left in the hands of Ed Crabb.

Edward F. Crabb



Edward F. Crabb, ca. 1946

An orphan at sixteen, Edward Crabb worked his way through Purdue University with the hope of entering the medical field, pharmaceutical sales, or becoming a drug store proprietor. With a Graduate in Pharmacy (Ph.G.) degree from Purdue, Crabb went to work as a pharmacist in Indiana before entering the Army's Chemical Warfare Service during the First World War. After the war, Crabb became a partner in a drug store in Clinton, Indiana, before moving to Kalamazoo with his family to manage Oakland Pharmacy. Crabb became associated with the research department of the Upjohn Company, and specialized in pharmaceutical supplies. He was once president of the Kalamazoo Retail Druggists Association, a member of the Michigan State Pharmaceutical Association executive committee, and of the National Association of Retail Druggists (now National Community Pharmacists Association). When Strickland retired in 1939, Crabb continued as a sole proprietor until his own retirement in 1961. Ed Crabb passed away in 1973.



Oakland Pharmacy, ca. 1926

Formal Opening

A formal grand opening was delayed until September 1926 to create a strong impact among returning students. Thursday evening, 30 September 1926 was set aside to welcome the townspeople to the new establishment. Friday evening was for Kalamazoo College students and faculty, and Saturday evening was for Western State Normal School (WMU) students and faculty.

Hot Coffee.... 5¢

In addition to the pharmacy, there was a popular lunch counter where students and townfolk alike could order up a ham, peanut butter, corned beef, or American cheese sandwich for a dime and a cup of coffee for a nickel. A deluxe tomato lettuce sandwich would set you back a quarter. According to Crabb, "It grew and prospered as the result of only one thing..." He then wiped his hand across his forehead to imply lots of hard work.

Oakland Pharmacy, ca 1929

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Rood's Market & Smitty's Barber Shop

The larger storefront that faces Michigan Avenue (129 Oakland Drive) originally housed Rood's Meat Market, operated by Frank E. Rood and his son, Frank, Jr. By 1939, the market space was home to Stannard Cycle Shop (by then it was 765 West Michigan Avenue, as it is today). By 1945, an antique store occupied the space, and later a women's clothing store.

The smaller storefront in the far corner (127 Oakland Drive) (far left in the photo above) was originally a barber shop, owned by Hampton Shirley. By 1929, it was taken over by Clarence M. L. Smith (friends called him "Slim") and became Smitty's Barber Shop (by then 763 West Michigan Avenue). Smitty ran his shop until the early 1970s before retiring. The two northern sections were eventually merged into a single space as the original location of Boogie Records.

WEATHER

THE KALAMAZOO GAZETTE

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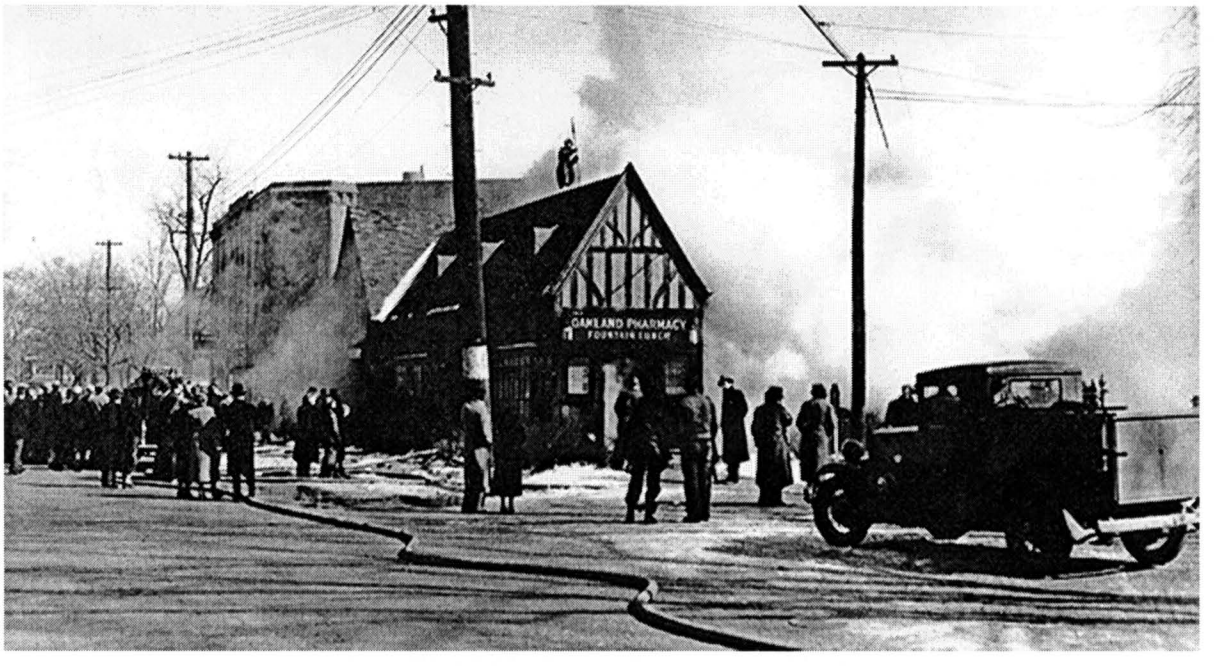
$40,000 FIRE DESTROYS OAKLAND PHARMACY

Kalamazoo Gazette, 26 February 1935



Oakland Pharmacy, 26 February 1935

"Fire!"

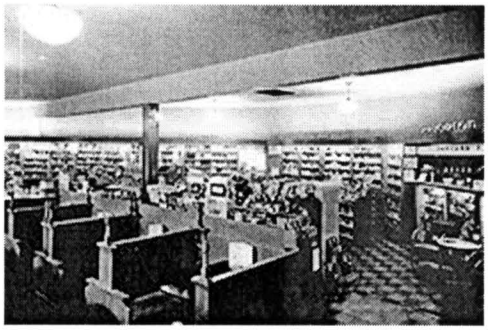
During lunchtime on a cold and windy Tuesday, 26 February 1935, twenty-five customers, mostly students, were eating lunch and otherwise being tended to by the pharmacy's eight

employees, when disaster struck. Ed Crabb sent one of his employees to the basement to tend to the furnace. Ten minutes later, smoke could be seen pouring from the registers upstairs, and the employee returned shouting, "Fire!" "By the time every diner and customer was out and all employees were clear and accounted for," said Crabb, "the fire had filled the room" (*Gazette*). Everyone made it out safely, but damage to the building was extensive, estimated at $40,000 (more than $600,000 today). The building was soon repaired, however, and Oakland Pharmacy was again open for business by mid-May.

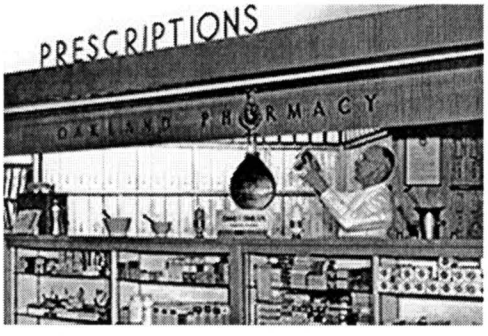
Oakland Pharmacy on fire, 26 February 1935

"Modern Store Rises from the Ashes"

On Saturday, 18 May 1935, the newly renovated Oakland Pharmacy celebrated its formal grand re-opening. Strickland, Crabb, and the eight member staff welcomed customers back with a newly rearranged interior and added stock. In the spirit of "keeping it local," Kalamazoo labor was employed for all of the repair work and Kalamazoo products were featured wherever possible.



Interior view, ca. 1946



Prescription counter, ca. 1946

"Finish of the store is now in a silver grey tone, quarter-sawed oak being used for all woodwork. The shelves and wall displays have been so arranged as to give a maximum amount of light and to permit patrons at tables to have a view of the streets."

"On the right of the entrance on the Academy Street side is the candy counter and phone booths, with the soft drink and ice cream fountain extending almost to the east wall."

"The center of the big room is marked by an A-type toilet goods case, surrounded by the tables used in serving lunches and soft drinks. Back of the tables, along the east wall, are placed the office and the kitchen."

"At the left of the main entrance is the magazine rack and the circulating library. Here the patrons will find a small table, cozily isolated, where books may be looked over and chosen without interruption. Tobaccos and the wrapping counter are next on the Oakland Drive side, with package and rubber goods and proprietary medicines on the side and rear of the store. The prescription counter is on the north side, of glass and semi-enclosed. Toilet goods and stationery will also be found in this section of the store." —*Kalamazoo Gazette*, 17 May 1935

"Life at the Pharm"

Advertisement, *Brown and Gold*, 1956

Western Michigan University

By the late 1930s, the Great Depression had passed and "The Pharm" was back in full swing. Students from "K" College and Western State Teachers College converged for lunchtime gatherings and soda fountain treats. Ed Crabb created special "Pharm Phriends" certificates for his loyal customers, awarding them an honorary degree in "*Pharm*ology" once the necessary "courses" had been completed. These were dutifully signed by Mr. Crabb himself, and certified by the president, "I. Sippa Coke," and the secretary, "Gimme A. Candibar." In April 1939, Donald Strickland retired and Ed Crabb became sole proprietor.

In 1946, the interior of the building was remodeled and modernized. *Life* magazine selected the store for a promotional campaign of nationally advertised products. Newspaper advertisements of the time highlighted many of the store's products and services; from cosmetics to prescriptions, magazines, fountain pens, vitamins, and last minute gifts. The lunch counter had been discontinued by this time, although the soda fountain service would remain a popular feature until 1959.

John W. Spicer

In 1961, Ed Crabb retired and sold his pharmacy business and building to John W. Spicer, a Belding native and Ferris State College graduate, who continued to operate Oakland Pharmacy for another sixteen years. After a half-century of operation, Oakland Pharmacy was finally closed in February 1977.

"In its heyday, no one around could touch it for service or beauty." —John Spicer, *Kalamazoo Gazette*, 24 February 1977

Boogie Records

In 1972, a group of local entrepreneurs opened the consummate hippie record store in the small northern (market) portion of the Oakland Pharmacy building. With its close proximity to Western Michigan University and Kalamazoo College, plus a vibrant post-sixties local counterculture, Boogie Records soon became an iconic music marketplace.

By 1976, "Boogie" had absorbed the barber shop space and expanded its line to include clothing and waterbeds. When John Spicer closed the Oakland Pharmacy in 1977, the owners purchased the building and renovated the larger space for the music store, then created a separate store for classical music next door called "Bach to Bach."

Willie Dixon, ca. 1984

Author's collection

Boogie continued to grow and thrive, and was listed during the mid-1980s among the top independent music stores in the country by *Trouser Press*, one of the leading music publications of its day. The locals were tremendously supportive; many shopped weekly, some even *daily*. And many top name performers visited the store while passing through the area—not as celebrities but as patrons, who thumbed through the bins in hopes of finding some obscure rarity. Robert Plant once purchased an armload of blues records. Rick Wakeman wandered through while having his equipment prepared in town at Pro Co. Joel Bernstein spent an hour or so browsing, and blues legend Willie Dixon stopped by one day just to say "hello." Jason Newsted became so fond of the building that he once considered buying it. Even customers from abroad would remark, "I've heard about this place." After a series of ownership changes and the beginning of tough times for independent record retailers, Boogie succumbed to changing times and closed its doors in 1995.

The Strutt

Following a decade of assorted lounges, cafés and coffee shops, the old Oakland Pharmacy building seems to have again found success with The Strutt, a popular café, bar and local performance venue since 2007. Though perhaps a world away from the days of kids "in bobby socks and saddle shoes who dropped by before and between classes, at noon and after school," students and locals still gather nonetheless, just as folks have done at the same location for more than 80 years, to spend some time, perhaps share a refreshment, and to hear or buy (or now even record) some great new music.

Just as the quote on The Strutt home page says, "every college town should be so lucky."

Crowd at the Strutt during a Boogie Records Revival Night, 2009

Photo by Brittany Bauman, courtesy of The Strutt, used by permission

Written by Keith Howard, Kalamazoo Public Library Staff, 2010.

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Local History Room Files

History Room Subject File: *Buildings - Kalamazoo - Michigan, W., 773.*

History Room Subject File: *Oakland Pharmacy.*

Crabb, Edward F
See also Cox family folder
Cox, Herald J.

Jim Gilson

To: Jim Gilson (JGILSON@vigo.lib.in.us)
Subject: Correspondence with Barb DeMarco on Crabb/Cox families

From: Barb DeMarco [mailto:barb@tdemarco.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2013 3:38 PM
To: Jim Gilson
Subject: Re: Crabb Family

Jim, Thank you for your e-mail. Yes, please send the article to Kalamazoo. My uncle's drug store fountain was very popular at the college there.

I am so sorry to hear that Nancy has retired. If you see her again, please tell her THANK YOU and that I have nearly finished my book on my Crabb family and I will certainly miss her. When I first started my research Nancy was a huge help. My 2nd great grandfather James M. Crabb moved to Terre Haute in 1821 from OH and built one of the first Methodist churches in the area in his orchard. Burnett, Indiana is named after another grandfather and yet another, John Briggs, presided over the first murder trial in the area. I have a real strong connection with Terre Haute through my Crabb, Briggs, Burnett, Crane and Seymour families. My father and his brother were graduates of Purdue but both left the area in about 1920. Most recently Nancy helped me to connect Herald Cox to my family—I knew he was a cousin but I was missing a generation, his parent's names, and Nancy help make that connection. One of the last loose ends before publishing my book.

With Nancy's assistance I was able to find my family back in time to early colonial Virginia, PA and NY. I hope to visit the area next year and I was hoping to thank her in person. I will plan on stopping by the library to see what information you have on my families. I sent some early findings that need to be updated.

Thank you again for letting me know of Nancy's retiring.

Barb DeMarco (nee Crabb)

On Thu, Oct 10, 2013 at 11:12 AM, Jim Gilson <jgilson@vigo.lib.in.us> wrote:

Good afternoon, Barb—

I received your email to Nancy Sherrill. Unfortunately for us, Nancy retired from the library last Friday after 41 years of service. She didn't want to make a "big deal" out of her retirement so she may not have said anything to you. I'm the lucky person who gets to follow in her illustrious footsteps. She will be a tough act to follow but I will do my best.

Thank you for the articles you forwarded about Edward Crabb and Herald Cox. I don't see any indication that you had sent them to us so I'm glad that you acted on the safe side.

As Nancy may have told you, we do have a collection of genealogical Surname Files. We have a collection for Cox and another collection for Crabb. So I am going to print out these articles and include them in their respective files with a copy of your email and this reply in each file.

I notice that the one article has a very strong link to the Kalamazoo, Michigan area. Have you sent that article to that library? If you would like me to take care of this for you, I will be glad to do so. Just let me know.

Thanks again for taking the time to forward these items to us.

And please let us know if there is any other assistance that we can offer to you.

Best wishes,

Jim Gilson

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From: Barb DeMarco [mailto:barb@tdemarco.com]
Sent: Wednesday, October 09, 2013 6:40 PM
To: Nancy Sherrill
Subject: Crabb Family

Hi Nancy,

I was reviewing my notes and came across this two documents--I wasn't sure if I had sent them to you for your records. The word document is a collection of articles I found on the Internet about my Uncle Edward F Crabb and the other is an article about my father's cousin Herald Cox. Interesting that my father, his brother and cousin all went into the sciences. Good news, recently I met a women who lives in Bridgeton and she was most helpful in locating my grandmother's grave site. I had searched for years but unbeknown to us, Josephine had been exhumed in 1920 when my father left Indiana. She was removed from the Burnett Cemetery where her parents are buried and relocated next to my grandfather in High Lawn Cemetery.

Have a great day.
Barb DeMarco
253-564-5206

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Barb DeMarco
253-564-5206
a Crabb forever...

Nancy Sherrill

From: Nancy Sherrill
Sent: Friday, March 25, 2011 10:15 AM
To: 'charlesc@allegiance.tv'
Subject: Four Generations Photo
Attachments: 21 Sept 1920 Tribune page 11.jpg

Hello,

I noticed that the articles next to the photo on the copy you sent were dated Sept. 21 so I started with the Sept. 21 Tribune. I soon found the photo on page 11 and scanned a copy of it. The photo was rather dark on the microfilm, but the names are included. The people in the photos were from the Koonce, Pennington, and Crabb families. I am sending the scanned image as an attachment. I hope this helps with family research.

Nancy Sherrill
Genealogy Librarian

Two Sets of Four Generations In This One Picture, Yet There Are Only Six People In the Picture—Details Below

DOUBLE FOUR GENERATIONS IN THE KOONCE AND CRABB FAMILIES.

"Sit down until I pose you myself," said George Graham Holldway, the other morning. "I have 'shot' one set of four generations at one time, but I'll have to admit that this is the first time I have ever had a double set call on me." There were only five people present, and, of course, we looked about for "another set." But, lo and behold, they were all in the one. A queer coincidence had made Mrs. Martha Pennington, 81 years of age, and Mrs. Eliza M. Koonce, 82 years of age, great grandmothers to Dorothy Crabb, aged 2 years, of east of Terre Haute. In fact, all parties live in that location, and the ill-health of both grandmothers had brought the family to Terre Haute to have a likeness made of the double set of four generations. The son, Arden H. Koonce, had married Miss Viola Pennington, 22 years; now Mrs. Koonce, aged 42 years. Their daughter, Wilma Koonce, had married Mr. Crabb and Dorothy is their daughter. Mrs. Koonce is the daughter of Mrs. Pennington, and Mr. Koonce, aged 46 years, stands behind his mother in the picture. All are native Hoosiers and the elderly women have lived in close proximity to Terre Haute for sixty years.

PARIS DAY IN FEDERAL COURT AT DANVILLE

Former Chief of Police and Alleged Pal Face Liquor Charge—Bank Theft Case.

By Special Correspondent.

PARIS, Ill., Sept. 21.—This is Paris day in the federal court at Danville. The cases of Ed Step, former chief of police, and Alonzo Sudduth, charged with illegally transporting intoxicating liquor, is to be tried on an information filed against them by Assistant United States District Attorney A. B. Dennis. The two men claim that the charges are the result of a frame-up and the case will be stubbornly fought. A number of character witnesses have been summoned to testify in the case.

Another Paris case is that of J. H. Cline, indicted by the federal grand

Third Inning Lucky

CARLISLE MAY SECURE METHODIST ORPHANAGE

Couple of That Place Offer to Give 160 Acres and $100,000 for Removal.

By Special Correspondent.

SULLIVAN, Ind., Sept. 21.—Mr. and Mrs. John W. Cooper, of Carlisle, will deed 160 acres of land and bequeath $100,000 to the Methodist hospital orphanage if the orphanage is removed from Greencastle to Carlisle. This was made public in the report of Rev. James O'Haver in the Vincennes M. E. conference. No action has been taken in the matter.

Three Day Picnic.

SULLIVAN, Ind., Sept. 21.—A miners' and farmers' picnic will be held at the

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no money

March 21, 2011

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Vigo County Public Library
1 Library Square
Terre Haute, IN 47807

Enclosed is an article from September 1920 Terre Haute Tribune.
The bottom with information about the picture was torn off.

We found this in my husband's great grandpa's bible. And we thought it may be family related.

I appreciate your help in this. Please let me know the charges for looking it up.

Thanks and have A GREAT DAY.

Sept 21, 1920 p 11

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CHANGE IS MADE IN CLINTON IND., FIRM

Shell Turner Purchases Interest of Partners, and Joins Hands With Another Plumber.

By Special Correspondent.

CLINTON, Ind., Sept. 21.—Today marked the change of a business in Clinton, when Shell Turner purchased the interest of his partner, Harry Henry, in the plumbing and tinning business. After making the purchase, Turner immediately formed a partnership with Guy R. Harrison. Henry has not announced his plans for the future.

League of Nation Advocates.

CLINTON, Ind., Sept. 21.—Since the speech of Hon. T. F. McCarty at the teachers' institute last Saturday morning, the league of nations has been the main topic of discussion among the teachers and advanced pupils of the high school. The speaker gave much valuable information regarding the league, and some who were in doubt are now strong advocates of what they have come to believe the only reliable guarantee against another war. McCarty prefaced his speech with the declaration that he is a republican, but that he will not follow his leaders in what he believes is an attempt to sacrifice an opportunity for permanent peace for political power. His talk had the tone of sincerity and his hearers had confidence in what he said.

Home From Reunion.

CLINTON, Ind., Sept. 21.—Ex-Mayor Morgan J. Tucker, with his wife, returned from Tipton county, [illegible] boyhood home, where [illegible] tend the annual [illegible] family [illegible]

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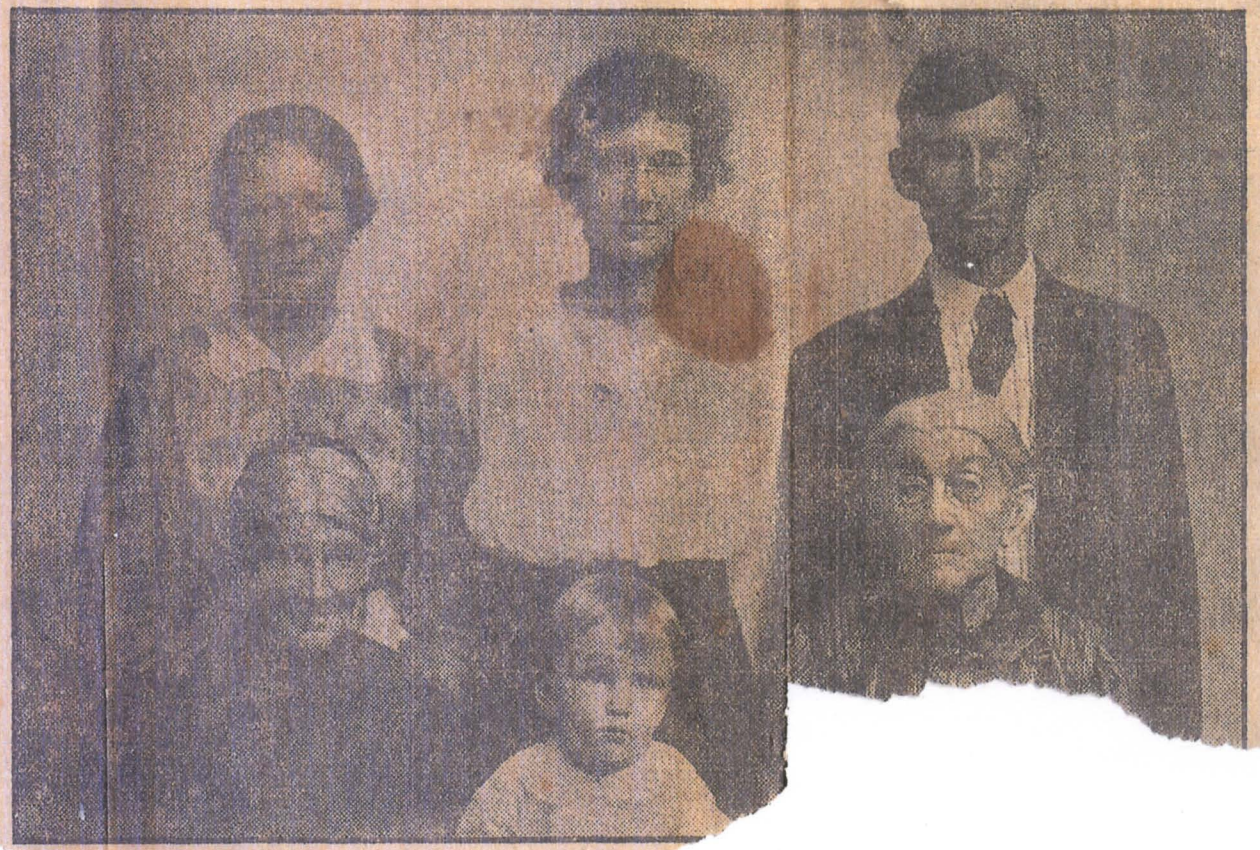

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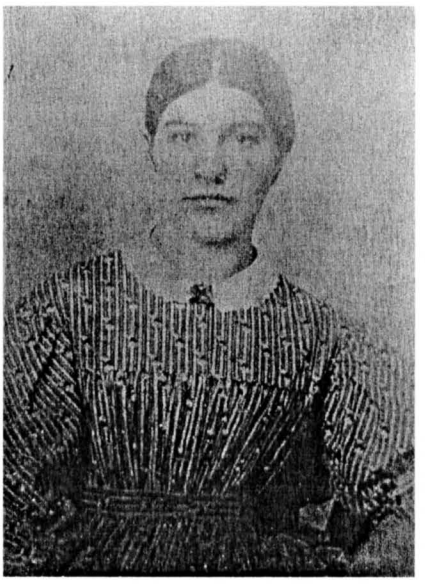
Crabb Family

Nancy Crabb Webster



Lucinda Crabb, b. 1836 or
Amanda Crabb Webster, b. 1838
Bob Biggs was given this picture and it was not clear if this was Amanda (most likely) or Nancy's other sister Lucinda.

Nancy Crabb Webster, b. 1840
daughter of Edward Ralph Crabb, Sr, sister to:
Edward R., Jr., Amanda and Lucinda Crabb.

Daniel & Nancy Crabb Webster
ancestors of Bob Biggs

Daniel Webster was one of the wealthiest men in Bridgeton area. He owned several business that included a mill, creamery, and gold and silver mines in NV. Nancy and Daniel had four daughters and all were college educated. One daughter became an M.D. Bob descends from their daughter Della May who married Oliver Perry Bell.

Daniel Webster, b. 1830, son of
Reuben & Mary Miller Webster

Audrey and Robert Bell Biggs
Third great grandson of Nancy and Daniel Webster of Indiana
July 1998

Sent by Barbara Crabb Curley

Crabb Family

The Family of
James M. Crabb, Sr.

Possibly Edward R. Crabb, Sr.
and wife Leona Williams

James M. Crabb, Sr. was born to **Rachel Ball** and **Edward Ralph Crabb** of Berkeley County, Virginia on 12/24/1791. James relocated with his parents from Berkeley County, VA to Ross County, OH in 1801 as a young boy of eleven.

Edward Ralph Crabb, Sr. (III) was born in Pickaway County, Ohio in 1815 to **James M. Crabb, Sr.** and his wife **Margaret Blue**. The picture below and to the right is Edward. The pictures to the left are very possibly that of Edward R. Crabb, Sr. (III) and his wife Leona Williams.

James immigrated, along with at least one brother John W. Crabb I, to Indiana in 1824. James was an early settler of Bridgeton, IN and cleared his own land and built a log cabin, later he built a log house, and as his family grew he finally built a frame house for his family of eight children. All of his children were born in that house. The family was very active in the development of the local community and the Methodist Church. James held worship meetings in his home until a church was built. For a brief time there was a small church in their orchard. James, or "Jimmy" as he was called by friends, was a farmer and stock grower as were his sons. James' brother John W. Crabb owned and operated a warehouse business near the Clinton Locks.

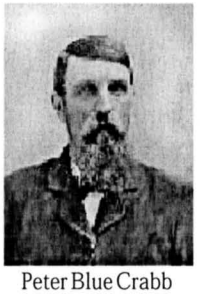
Edward R. Crabb, Sr. s/o
James M. Crabb Sr. and Margaret Blue

Edward Ralph Crabb, Jr. (IV) b. 1849, Indiana, is picture below in c. 1902. **James Howard Crabb**, also below, is the brother of Edward Ralph Crabb, Jr. James H. and Edward, Jr. married sisters **Josephine M.** and **Carolyn Briggs**, daughters of **Robert and Rosetta Burnett Briggs** of Otter Creek Township, IN. Edward R., Jr. is the ancestor of **Barb Curley** of WA; **Nancy Crabb Webster** is the ancestor of **Bob Biggs** of AZ; and **Art Crabb** of OK is the descendant of **Peter B. Crabb**.

The pictures below, are the children of Edward and Leona Williams Crabb.

Edward Ralph Crabb, Jr. (IV)

James Howard Crabb



Peter Blue Crabb

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Amanda Crabb Webster
or Lucinda Crabb Jeffries

Edward and Leona also had eight children: Edward, James, Peter, John W. (named after his uncle), Amanda, Nancy (named after her aunt), Margaret and Lucinda. He had one child, Louisa Ellen with his second wife Amanda Taylor, and no children with his third wife Nancy Hardin. Edward and Nancy were married for over 30 years. It appears from the dates of the deaths of his first two wives that they probably died in childbirth. Edward and all three of his wives are buried together in the Crabb Family Cemetery started by James M. Crabb. The property is now owned by a member of the Webster family in IN. The pictures of Nancy and Amanda Crabb, to the left, were given to me by Bob Biggs. His family was not sure if it was a picture of Amanda or Lucinda Crabb.

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Crabb Family

The family of

Edward Ralph Crabb, Jr. (IV),

son of Edward Ralph Crabb, Sr. (III) born in Parke County, IN

L to R: Edward R.. Crabb, Jr.; Edward F. Crabb; Robert W. Crabb and Josephine M. Briggs Crabb, c. 1902

Main Street, Downtown Terre Haute, IN c. 1920

Robert Watson Crabb, c1919:
b. 2/24/1896; d. 2/15/1974.

Edward Ralph , Jr. is the son of **Edward Ralph Crabb and Leona Williams**, he was born in Terre Haute, IN in 1849. Edward married late in life to **Josephine M Briggs** the sister of his brother's wife**.** It is believed that since both Josephine and Edward were schoolteachers that this is how they met. Edward attended the Sullivan County Seminary and the Terre Haute Commercial College. He was also was a noted stock grower of Jersey cattle and held the position of County Assessor. Edward and Josephine had two sons, **Edward Fowler Crabb and Robert Watson Crabb** [Barb Curley]. Josephine died very young and Edward remarried a Miss **Emma Youmans** [Dick Prall]. Edward died in 1908 from complications from a fall from his barn roof. The boys were raised by their stepmother and an aunt until they went off to Purdue University. Both Edward and Robert received degrees in pharmacy and graduated in 1915 and 1919 respectively. Edward married Nell M. and moved to Kalamazoo, MI where they opened a drugstore called Oakland Pharmacy. Edward and Nell never had any children. Robert moved to Chicago, IL in 1920 and in 1928 he moved to the Seattle, WA. In the early 1930s Robert and his wife **Josephine Woodman** moved to Tacoma, WA were they owned and operated The Crabb Drug Company. They had three children: Barbara, Virginia, and Robert Edward.

Josephine W. Crabb, c. 1930

Edward Fowler Crabb: b. 12/20/1892; d. 5/5/1973 and his wife Nell M. Crabb

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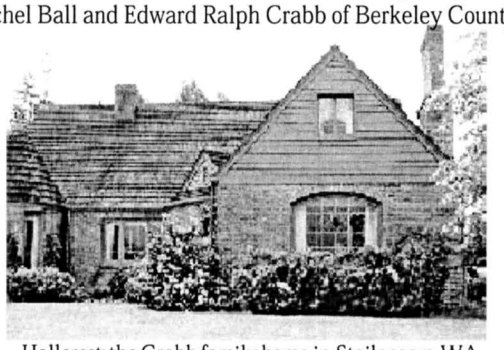
Crabb Family

Family of
Robert Watson Crabb

son of Edward Ralph Crabb, Jr. (IV), and great great grandson of Rachel Ball and Edward Ralph Crabb of Berkeley County, VA

Robert Watson Crabb behind the counter at his drug store in South Tacoma, WA, c. 1945



Hallcrest: the Crabb family home in Steilacoom, WA.

Robert Edward Crabb son of Robert Watson Crabb, born in Bremerton, WA followed in the footsteps of his father and uncle and also became a pharmacist.

Robert W.'s wife Josephine W. with daughters (L to R) Barbara Ann and Virginia Josephine Crabb, c. 1950.

Robert Watson Crabb was born in Terre Haute, IN in 1896 to Josephine M. Briggs and Edward Ralph Crabb, Jr. (IV). He was orphaned as a young boy and raised by his stepmother until her death in 1916. He graduated with a BS in Pharmacy from University of Purdue in 1919, and moved to Chicago, IL in 1920. In the spirit of those adventuresome Crabb men, he then moved cross-country to Seattle, WA in 1928. Here he met his wife Josephine in her uncle's drug store where they both worked. Robert and Josephine had three children: Robert Edward, Barbara Ann and Virginia Josephine. They also owned and operated Crabb's Drug Company in Tacoma, WA.

L to R: Britney W. Bartlett, born in Lakewood, WA, daughter of Barbara Ann Crabb Curley, born in Tacoma, WA, photo: 1989.

Children of Robert Edward Crabb: Top L to R, Diane Crabb Rudisill, David Robert Crabb, Chad Rudisill (Diane's husband), center:: Naree Crabb (David's wife); front row L to R: Mitchell A. Crabb, Britney Kathryn Crabb and Robert A. Crabb, children of David and Naree Crabb. Picture taken in 1998.

Virginia Crabb Johnson, born in Tacoma, WA, daughter of Robert Watson Crabb. Photo 1999

Far right-Children of Virginia Crabb Johnson, Top L to R: Jennifer Johnson, Jeffrey Johnson; front; Julie Ann Johnson.-1990.

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Crabb Family

Descendants of

Mary Crabb Duvall Weidner Welton

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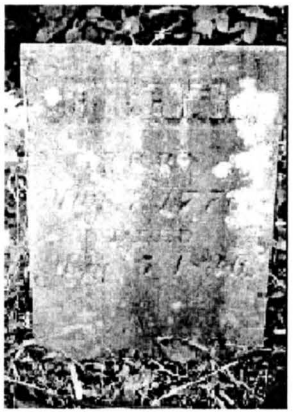

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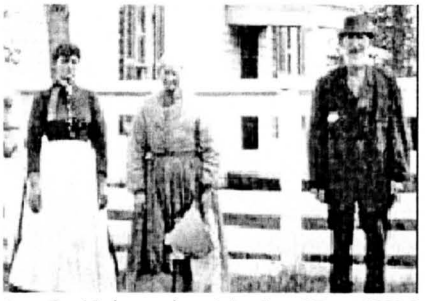
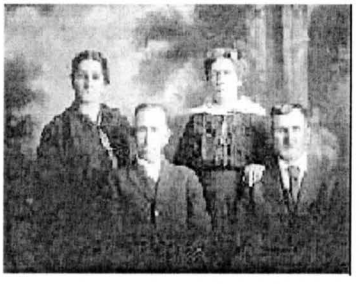


Mary Crabb (center) with husband David Welton, at their IL home, with their housekeeper Ida.



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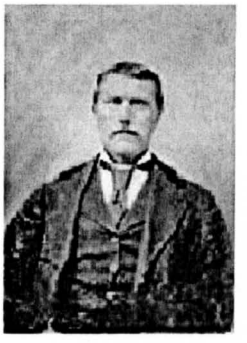
Ella and her husband Eben Hamilton are pictured here (to the left --couple on the right) with Eben Hamilton's younger sister Martha Jane (Mattie) and her husband Samuel Jackson Adams (the couple to the left).



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Crabb Family

Xantippe Crabb

The picture to the right is that of Xantippe Crabb Burt, daughter of Jeremiah, b. ? OH, 1804, and Jane Swann Crabb, b. 1804 (possible granddaughter of John W. Crabb), and her husband Dr. James M. Burt, son of Munsell and Hannah Munn Burt. Xantippe: b. IN, 12/27/1835; d. WA, 7/8/1902; m. 11/23/1854, Dr. Burt: b. 6/5/1832; d. 11/11/1903. The following article was printed along with this photo which was sent to me by Larry Hindley of Hillsboro, Oregon.

Wanderer& editor; copy by Gary Brown photo taken in 1886

" Battle Ground's [Washington] first 'resident' doctor was James M. Burt, who began studying medicine in 1862, received his 'lectures' in Ohio in 1866 and in 1867 and began practicing in Missouri. He came to Battle Ground in 1874 and settled at the end of an old road on a place which is presently on Allworth Road about two miles east and south of Battle Ground Lake.

Dr. Burt moved to Lewisville in 1887 and continued his practice in the area until 1892, moving his office to Vancouver [Washington].

E. Skarstedt noted that the doctor had no library when he visited his home in 1886, though he gave him credit for some skills. The doctor did not have a degree.

Mrs. Burt was described by Skarstedt as being an unattractive, unpleasant old lady, who wouldn't visit a single newcomer from Europe as long as there was a native to visit!

The doctor was a noted hunter and in the fall of 1893, he was hurt in a hunting accident which later resulted in the loss of one arm."

It is interesting to note that the name Xantippe was that of Socrates' wife. A woman noted for her ill-temper and unpleasant personality. Xantippe Crabb is the great great grandmother of Larry J. Hindley. I also have a letter that is over 100 years old addressed to Edward R. Crabb of Indiana. The letter is requesting information from my grandfather about Jeremiah's death and mentions his heirs which includes Xantippe Crabb. Because of the property(which was located in Parke County) mentioned in the letter, Larry and I feel that this is a good clue that Jeremiah is likely one of the missing sons of JohnW. Crabb son of Edward Ralph Crabb I and uncle to my grandfather Edward R. Crabb III. A Hannah Crabb is also mentioned, Hannah Tallman Crabb was the wife of John W. Crabb. Jeremiah did not have a daughter named Hannah.

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Crabb Family

Descendants of Elizabeth Crabb Cahill

The photos on this page are those of the descendants of Elizabeth Crabb Cahill (b.OH, 3/15/1802; m. 5/14/1818; d. 12/05/1839 Parke Co., IN) daughter of John W. Crabb and granddaughter of Edward Ralph Crabb I of Virginia.

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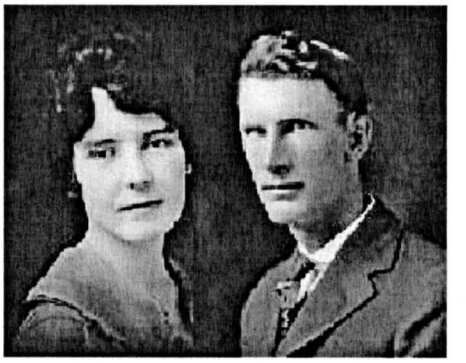
Photo taken 1860

Indiana Cahill daughter of Elizabeth and Joseph Cahill



Above: Francis "Frank" John Cahill (b.Ca 6/01/1889; m. CA 5/6/1918, Mary Hamlin; d. CA 6/14/1945) and Mary F. Hamlin Cahill.
He is the s/o John C. Cahill.. Photo taken 1917.

Above and to the left: John Hamlin Cahill (b. CA., 3/19/19; m.1 Juanita L. Comstock; m.2. CA, 1/29/1957, Wilma C. Burns; d. CA., 1/11/1978) and Wilma Burns Cahill (above right). He is the s/o Frank and Mary Hamlin Cahill.

Above: Daniel A. Cahill
son of John H. and Wilma Burns Cahill

From left to right: Karin Rice; Daniel A. Cahill; John B. Cahill and their mother Wilma Burns Cahill.

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Cahill family--1889 California

The Cahill Family of California

John C. Cahill-photo taken 1880

The Cahill cattle brand

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Dora Spratt Cahill

John left Indiana in c. 1851 with his brother Hiram. From Missouri they travel to California via the Overland Trail by ox team and settled temporarily in San Jose, CA. John later returned to MO to marry Dora. John and Dora settled in Parkfield, Monterey Co., CA and became successful cattle ranchers on their ranch of 5,000 acres.

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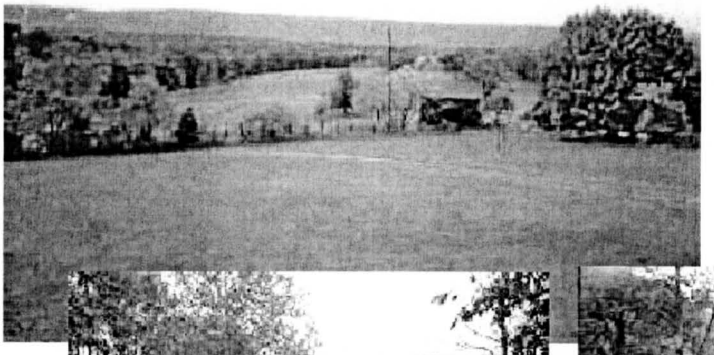
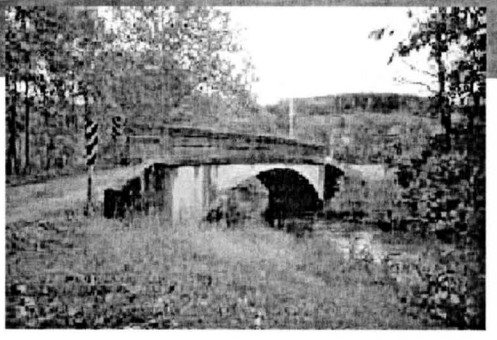
Crabb Family

The Crabb Sleepy Creek Property

Owned by Edward and Rachel Crabb: purchased in 1778 and sold in 1801 in three parcels: 332 acres to John Stephenson for $1,328; 50 acres to Henry Ambrose, and 50 acres to Frederick Householder. These lovely photos were taken in 2000 by George Hill Stevens (Nathan Trotter Crabb) a fourth great grandson of the Crabbs.

The Hobday House-as it is called by the local residents, is standing today on the property. It is unclear as to as to who or when the house was built.





Edward Crabb appears to have homesteaded about 1,204 acres along the Middle South Fork of Sleepy Creek in Berkeley County, VA (now Morgan County, WV). In 1777 he assigned 145 of a 367 acre survey to Christian White, and sold 402 acres to Adam Bohrer in 1794. Piecing the records together indicates all the acreage was adjoining land, although we have been unable to identify what happened to 222 acres adjacent to the William Catlett's land north of Edward's main property.

The current owners are Jimmy and Jackie Michael, descendants of neighbors of Edward and Rachel. The land is currently used as pasture for cattle and alternated between the raising of Timothy hay or barley.

Just prior to the final sale of his 432 acre farm in 1801, the following families were neighbors to Edward and Rachel: Adam Bohrer, William Catlett, Ann and John Bailey, Jr., John Bailey, SR., William and Elizabeth Bailey, Michael Pyke, John Shockey, Jacob Shockey, and John Kenny to name a few.

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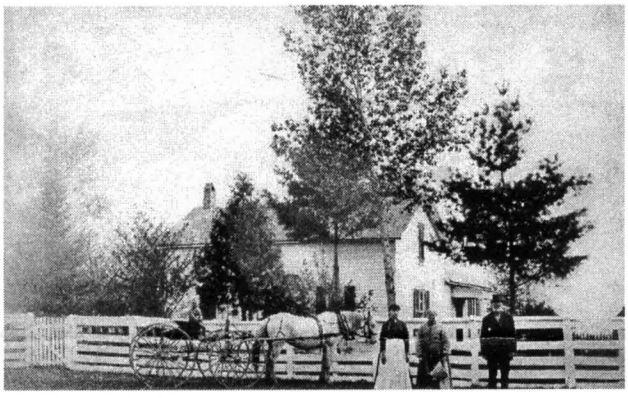

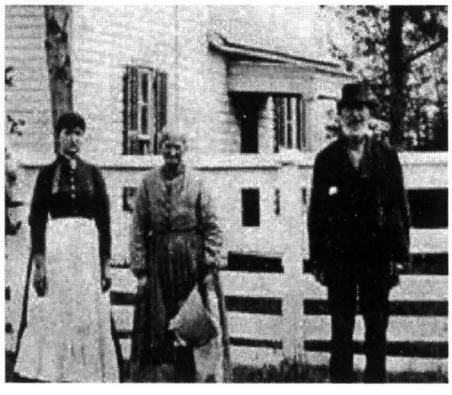

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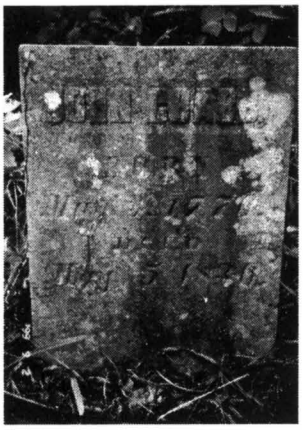

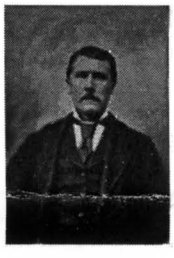

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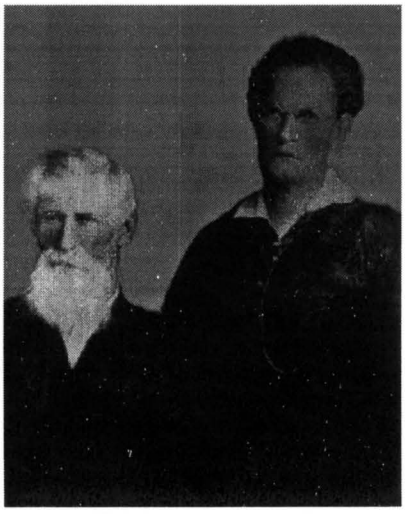

Azro & Mary E. Crabb

Azro Palmer Crabb (Prall, pg 1123): b.4/19/1848, Vigo Co., IN;d. 2/18/1936; m. Broadwater, MT, Mary Elizabeth Sitton, 2/4/1877. Azro is the great grandson of Edward Ralph Crabb I; grandson of John W. Crabb; and son of Walter G. Crabb of Vigo, IN.

Susan Fisher's Crabb connection. Sue is a fourth great grandaughter to Edward Ralph and Rachel Ball Crabb.

Susan Alice (left-age 12), Mary Losise (right-age 16), Myrtle (center-age 20), d/o AP & Mary Crabb

Susan Alice Crabb Roseborough (abt age 25) d/o AP & Mary

[Florence] Janette Roseborough Jensen, d/o Susan Alice (age 18)

Sue Jensen Fisher, d/o F. Janette Jensen (far right, front row) with daughter Becky Fisher Potter (center, front row); duaghter-in-law Michelle (left front row); son Clane (left, top row). son-in-law David Potter; son, Dee Fisher (third from left, top row); and husband Rod Fisher (top row, far right). 1996

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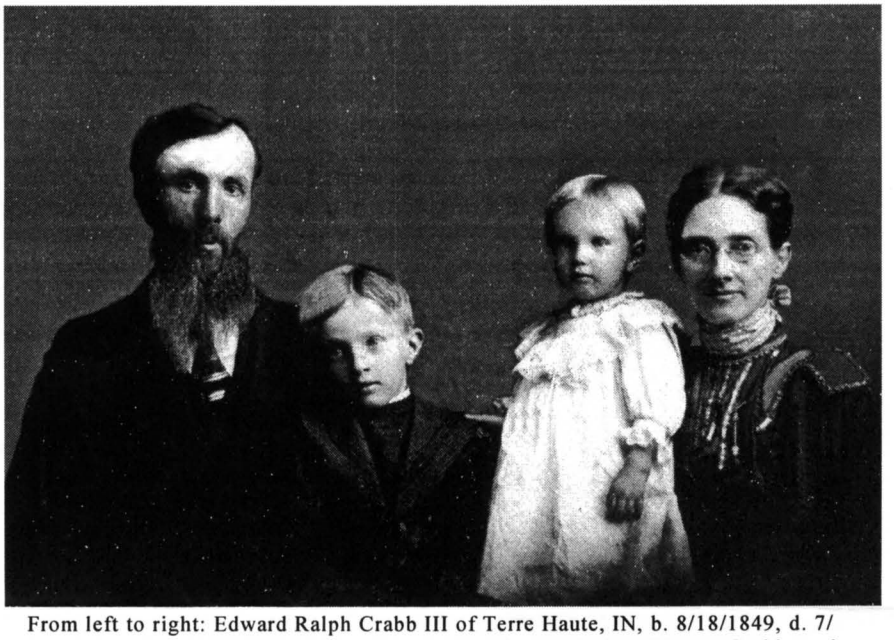
Crabb family

WE STAND STRONG TOGETHER

Tacoma, WA--Taken from the fifteenth century Crabb family crest "Soyez Ferme," meaning we stand strong together, is a phrase that has been put to good use in the twenty-first century by a group of Crabb family on-line researchers as their present day motto. The recently formed group, named the *Crabby Cuzzins*, is a small group of researchers who descend from Edward Ralph Crabb I of VA/OH (Prall pg. 1110), or are interested in connecting their lines to this line. The group is dedicated to exploring and proving existing theories, searching for new information and cousins, as well as looking for the identity of the parents and origins of their shared ancestor.

Growing up Barb Curley (nee Crabb, Prall pg 1130), thought that her extended family consisted of two aunts, two uncles, and two cousins (no Crabb cousins). She gave little thought to her grandparents on either side, since both sets had died long before her birth. Things probably would have remained the same except for a small, black deed box she inherited from her uncle Edward F. "Ned" Crabb in 1974.

"The box was a great family treasure, it had belonged to my great grandfather Edward Ralph Crabb II," Curley said. It was filled with old papers belonging to both Edward Ralph Crabb II and her grandfather Edward Ralph Crabb III. More affectionately known to the group as ERC2 and ERC3. According to Curley they had to give the Edwards numbers because there were so many named after the family patriarch. Curley displayed the box for years, and on occation began to read through the documents, some are over 100 years old. It was not until 1996 that she began to study the contents of the little tin box.



From left to right: Edward Ralph Crabb III of Terre Haute, IN, b. 8/18/1849, d. 7/27/1908, m. 3/2/1892; son, Edward Fowler Crabb; son, Robert Watson Crabb; and wife Josephine Briggs Crabb - c. 1900

Among the many documents were various probate papers and an inventory for both ERC2 and his son John W. Crabb. There were also notes, letters, bills of sales for her grandfather's prized cows, and rental agreements for farming land that had belong to this Indiana family. "One of my most treasured items is a handwritten note penned by my grandmother, Josephine Briggs Crabb (Prall pg. 1129) , to her then new husband Edward R. Crabb III," Curley shared. "It is short and very sweet." This letter documented that indeed her grandfather had married Josephine and provided several other leads to missing information. The note, addressed to "My dearest husband", was dated April 1, 1892 confirming that they were married prior to that date. The box also contained documents with other names and dates that piqued Curley's interest--who were these people? And you all know what happened next!

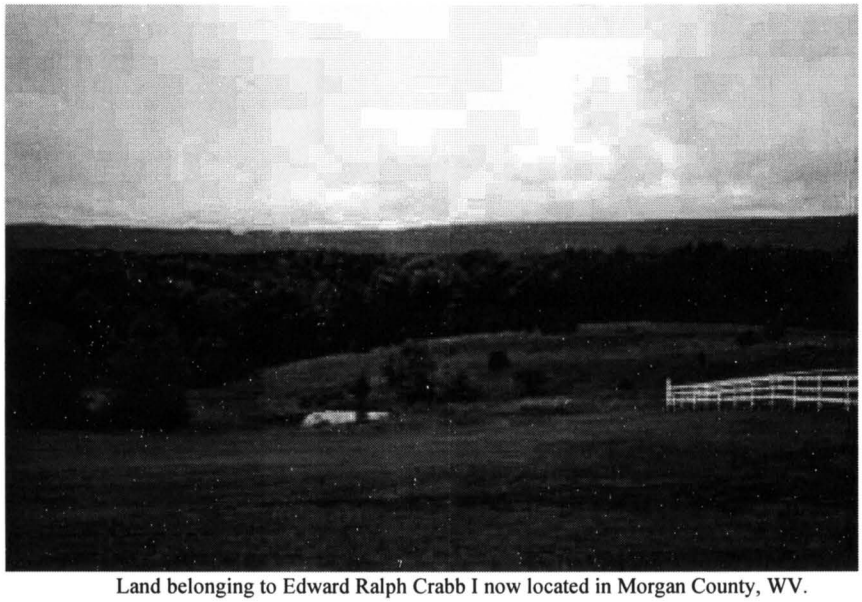
Curley's father had been orphaned as a young boy and was cared for by his stepmother (Emma Youmans Crabb, Prall, pg. 1129 & 1053, a distant cousin to Dick Prall) for two brief years before her unexpected death. Her father was then raised by various relatives, and for a brief time was separated from his brother. Curley and her sister Virginia Johnson (Prall pg. 1130) began poking around. Johnson began writing letters requesting documents and a wonderful story began to emerge. Before they knew it, Johnson and Curley were hooked.

"I received the Prall two-volume set of research books for Christmas and it became clear that "our" story needed to be finished," Curley said. She contacted a few of the cousins listed in the Prall's books and first received a response from Bob and Audrey Biggs (Prall pg 1128) descendents of Nancy Crabb Webster (Prall pg.1127). She and Bob began to share notes and photos via the Internet. Soon Curley located Larry Hindley (Prall pg.1341) a strong candidate for a missing descendent of John W. Crabb (Prall pg. 1123) son of Edward R. Crabb I. More notes and photos were exchanged. Curley also had a letter written to her grandfather that referenced Larry's family. "It is not conclusive, but it is a pretty good indicator that Jeremiah Crabb (Prall pg. 1341) was related to ERC3 and is probably one of the missing sons of his uncle John W. Crabb," Curley said. "Hannah, the known name for John's wife, is listed as an heir along with Larry's ancestor's wife and children." Things began to snowball from there. Through Mary Ellen Ledford's (Joseph Crabb, Prall pg 1215) much

larger Crabb on-line group, Barb, Larry and Bob located several other cousins. "I think it was Sue Fisher (Prall pg 1125) that responded next," Curley stated. "It was amazing how fast one discovery lead to another."

Soon there were about fifteen cousins and interested persons sharing documentation, photos and theories. By the end of the summer the group was working toward one goal of connecting and searching for the "three brothers from England"--a story preserved by at least two separate lines. For various reasons, to protect privacy and to help keep the group focused, a short list of rules were adopted and the 15-century motto was accepted as it seemed to define their purpose.

The group now has almost 20 members representing several lines. Curley stated that she "talks" on-line to at least one or two members daily. She sees herself as a facilitator. Although it cuts into her research time, she feels it an important role to make sure the info is shared and distributed to all. This year the group members have identified and recruited: a Priscilla Crabb Shockey (Prall pg. 1112) descendent, Jan Cutsinger; discovered the identity of two cousins, descendents of sisters to Walter G. Crabb (Prall pg. 1123), Kathleen Anderson, a descendent of Elizabeth Crabb, and Helen Roach who descends from Mary Crabb Duvall Wiedner Welton both who descend from two missing daughters of John W. Crabb; and Christina Routt who descends from Mary "Polly" Crabb Hullinger (Prall, pg 1110). Curley then met Marsha and George Berry on-line who each descend from two other Crabb lines. Marsha descend from William A. Crabb (Prall, pg. 55& 1372) of Cornwall, England. Her husband George descends from the MD Crabbs. They have been researching both of their lines for more than 20 years and have been more than generous with information in pursuit of the groups goals. Marsha introduced several of her cousins to the group: Steve Crabbe (Ruben Crabb, Prall pg 1170), Joan Kahrs (Prall, pg. 1329) and Joyce Maxwell (Prall, pg. 78 & 1372). Donna Adamson (Osmond Crabb, Prall pg 1102), Cherie McGrath (Nancy Crabb Lister-unidentified connection) and Sheila Crabb (Prall, pg 1346-unidentified connection) were also contacted and have joined the group. George Stevens (descends from George A. Crabb, Prall, pg 1132) then found the group from an Internet posting. The newest members are two adult children of Sue Fisher: Becky Fisher Potter, and Clane and Michelle Fisher. Everyone participates at their own comfort level.



Land belonging to Edward Ralph Crabb I now located in Morgan County, WV.

"This has been a most wonderful experience," Curley said. " We have such a wonderful group: Marsha and George Berry have access to the Mesa Family History Center in AZ, well-known for its genealogy holdings; Sue Fisher makes an occasional trip to Salt Lake City; and George Stevens has access to MD and VA libraries, as well as the Library of Congress to mention a few."

This year George Stevens located the farm land owned by Rachel Ball and Edward R. Crabb in VA (now Morgan County, WV), purchased as an original land grant in 1778. He traveled there and took photos of the farm to share with the group. Art , who descends from James M. Crabb, Sr. (Prall , pg. 1126, through Peter Blue Crabb, Prall, pg. 1129, and yes another Edward R. Crabb IV, Prall, pg 1133) and his wife Barbara Crabb (Prall, pg. 1134) traveled to Terre Haute, IN and took photos of all the Crabb headstones in two family cemeteries. "I can not tell you how moved I was by the photos both George and Art sent," Curley shared. "They arrived within a two-day period--it was overwhelming."

Anyone interesting in the pursuit of identifying the ancestors of Edward Ralph and Rachel Ball Crabb, or connecting to this Crabb line, can contact the group's current list master, Barb Curley, at curley_barb@hotmail.com. Curley also went on to encourage readers to join the much larger group of on-line researchers that is facilitated by Mary Ellen Ledford (Prall, pg 1215) for all Crabb(e)s interested in researching their lines. You can contact Mary Ellen at ellen@airmail.net. Mary Ellen also participates in the *Crabby Cuzzin* group.

"The internet has truly changed the face of genealogy research and will take years off ones efforts to get connected," Curley said. "We have made incredible progress this year, thanks to the Internet."

Barb Crabb Curley
Third great granddaughter of Edward Ralph Crabb I
March 1, 2000

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Crabb Family

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April 23, 1999

You might try to find a copy of Deep Water Sailors, Shallow Water Soldiers: Manning the United States Fleet on Lake Erie - 1813 by Gerard T. Altoff, Perry Group, Put-in-Bay OH, 1993. That should give you a good idea of your ancestor's experience on board a ship during the War of 1812. Apparently Perry was so short of men that he had to accept soldiers "two-thirds of whom had probably never seen water except in their own wells" aboard his ships.

I didn't have any luck with John W. Crabb. There is one reference to a John W. Crabb in a biographical sketch of Peter B. Crabb in Portrait and Biographical Record of Montgomery, Parke, and Fountain Counties. That John W. was a brother of Peter B. and James H. and was born in 1847 and died in 1890. You are interested in a John W. of an earlier generation. I am a little confused by all the Johns and Jameses. I didn't find any mention of a John W. Crabb in our indexes to Parke County marriages or in the State Library's online database of Indiana marriages prior to 1850. Of course, Parke County had a courthouse fire in 1832. I also checked the Parke County will abstracts by Lilian Weller and found James Crabb Sr. but not John W. He might have been mentioned in the probate records, which have been microfilmed by the LDS Church but not abstracted.

When I checked the index to the 1840 Indiana census, I found a John Crabb in Clay County but none in Parke County. However, there was a Jeremiah Crabb in Parke County. Was the Clay County John yours? I hope he didn't die there as Clay county had a disasterous courthouse fire in 1850.

I can't imagine anyone naming a baby Xantippa. The historical Xanthippe, wife of the ancient philosopher Socrates, was known as the most shrewish and bad tempered woman in Greece. According to the Encyclopedia American, Socrates supposedly said that he lived with a shrew as horsemen with spirited horses, "but, just as, when they have mastered these, they can cope easily with other horses, so I in Xanthippe's society shall learn to adapt myself to other persons." One wonders if Xantippa Crabb's parents knew what kind of person the original Xanthippe was.

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He was son of Edward R. Crabb & brother of James # & Peter B. Crabb

April 8, 1999

John W Crabb
b. 29 Sept 1847
d 27 July 1890

Navy at the Deep Water Sailors, Shallow Water Soldiers: Manning the United States Fleet on Lake Erie 1813

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Dear Nancy,

I am sure glad you and Bob have connected. He is a wonderful person--I sure hope I get to meet him in person. He lives within an hour and a half drive from another cousin of mine in Arizona.

Thank you for your response to my Ruby Cronk question. I have done research on Oliver Perry--but was looking for an Indiana connection. The only thing I found, with regards to Indiana, was Gov. Oliver Hazard Perry Morton. He served as governor in Indiana during the Civil War and received recognition as a great supporter of president Lincoln's efforts. It is interesting that Gov. Morton was a close personal friend of my great uncle Linus A. Burnett. Both relatives named Oliver Perry were on the Crabb side. One was named in 1850 and the other in 1865, so it is more likely they were named after the American patriot--Commodore Perry. I often look for these connection for they reveal interesting side notes for my book. I don't think I would have known about Gov. Morton if I had not been researching the name. I will probably include the information about Morton and the Civil War because of the impact that era had on my ancestors. I had no idea Indiana was so involved in the Civil War. I was a marketing major in college--the only history I studied was ancient Greek! I wish now that it had been Early American. I am finding more and more that I must understand what was happening during an era, if I am to write about my ancestors! One of my third great grandfathers was killed on-board a ship during the war of 1812. I now have a copy of his widow's claim and approval to his pension.

One mystery I have left to research in your area is whether John W. Crabb, brother to James M. Crabb, had more than one son. I found a Walter G. Crabb in my research, but no other children mentioned. Dick Prall also lists only the one son in his book. Do you know of a profile about this John W. Crabb? I have met a fellow Crabb researcher who thinks that his grandmother is the granddaughter of John W. and Hannah Crabb--we are looking for proof. From his family records, he knows that his great grandmother was named Hannah Crabb, but not sure she was married to John. In my grandfather's deed box, I found a letter referencing this family, listing Jeremiah as an heir to John. Jeremiah's mother, Hannah, and his children are also listed in the letter. The Jeremiah listed has a daughter with a very unusual name, Xantippa. The researcher I met is the grandson of Xantippa Crabb Burt. I believe this family to be from Parke county. Maybe John was killed in the Mexican Wars--he disappears about 1850. He is listed in the 1840 census, but not in the 1850. Any clues?

1840 Census
John Crabb - Clay Co p 665
Stephen Crabb listed next door
1 male under 5
1 male 15-20
1 male 30-40
2 females under 5
1 female 5-10
1 female 10-15
1 female 30-40

Sincerely,

Barbara Crabb Curley

State Library's Pre 1850 marriage database did not find a John Crabb in Parke Co
Not in Parke Co Mar Rec 1850-1920

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Crabb Family

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July 29, 1999

I am enclosing a research report listing the sources I checked for your Lister family. As you can see, I did not find many references to them. We have an index to the names in the various Parke County histories, but the Listers are only mentioned in th 1920 Prairie Farmer's Directory of Fountain, Parke, and Vermillion Counties. However, the first names are not the ones given in your letter.

I did find quite a few Lister marriages. We don't have the actual marriage records, only the indexes. The early marriages did not give much information.

Your Listers appear on the 1850 Parke County census, but perhaps you already have that information. The every name index to the 1860 Indiana census lists many Listers but none in Parke County. We could send you copies from the index if you are interested.

It's possible that the Listers are mentioned in other Parke County records, such as deeds and probates. We do not have those records, but they might be available on microfilm through LDS Family History Centers. You might also try writing the genealogical query column in the local newspaper. The address is: Genealogy, Terre Haute-Star, P.O. Box 149, Terre Haute IN 47808.

If you would like copies of any of the items on the research report, our charge is 15¢ per page, plus postage.

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Dear Ms Sherrill;

Barbara Curley gave me your name as a possible resource to find information about some of my ancestry. She indicated that you had access to "History of Vermillion and Parke County", by B.F. Bowen; "History of Vigo and Parke County", by HW Beckwith; "Portrait and Biographical Record of Montgomery, Parke and Fountain Counties", Chapman Bros.

I am seeking information on the family of Eliphas Lister b. 11 Jul 1815 Parke Co., IN. Eliphas Lister married Nancy Crabb August 1837 in Parke Co., IN
Nancy Crabb was born 1814/16 in Ohio and died 6 Nov 1853.
The following children were born to Eliphas and Nancy.

- Henry Lister
- John Lister
- Mary A. Lister
- Emmit Lister - b.1841 in Parke Co., IN
- Manervia Lister
- Robert Bruce Lister
- Margaret Lister
- Caroline Lister

Earl, Hazel
Nora, Vesta
+Wm
Prairie Farmer Directory p 160 ff
+194 - Laura

If you are willing to check the above mentioned books or any others that are available to you I would appreciate your help. I of course would be interested in copies of any materials you might find. Please let me know that the cost would be for your time, copies and postage.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Cherie McGrath

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VCPL RESEARCH REPORT FOR PARKE COUNTY

The item(s) circled below indicate the record(s) searched for the surname(s) of: Lister; Eliphas + Nancy (Crabb), Henry, John, Mary, Emmith, Manerva, Robert B., Margaret, Caroline in response to your request of 6-28-99.

1. Miscellaneous Card File:
   Did not find_____ Found_____

(2.) Surname File:
   Did not find ✓ Found_____

(3.) Parke County, Indiana, Index of Names of Persons and of Firms (in the county histories)
   Did not find Eliphas Found Lister, Earl, Hazel, Nora, Vesta + William – Prairie Farmer Directory p 160; Lister, Laura – Prairie Farmer Directory p 194

(4.) Parke County, Indiana, Marriage Records Book (1831-1860)
   Did not find_____ Found Lister, Elias – p 16; Lister, Samuel – p 61; Lister, William – p 150; Lister, Emily p 94; Gabrilla p 78; Harriet – p 17; Louise p 108; Margaret A p 10; Mary Ann p 22 (cover)

5. Parke County, Indiana, Land Records by Brown
   Did not find_____ Found_____

(6.) Parke County, Indiana, Old Land Entry Book by Weller
   Did not find ✓ Found_____

(7.) Abstracts of Parke County, Indiana, Guardian Bonds 1832-1858
   Did not find ✓ Found Lester but first names not same

(8.) Parke County, Indiana, Will Abstracts (1833-1893, in 3 vols.) and Will Index, 1833-1906
   Did not find ✓ Found Lester: Elizabeth + Robert N.

(9.) Three Sections of Indexes of the Parke County Atlas of 1874
   Did not find ✓ Found_____

(10.) Census Index for the year 1850 + 1860:
   Did not find_____ Found 1850 – Lister, Eliphus – Parke Co p 312
   Lister, Margaret – Parke Co p 305
   + Samuel = = =

Other: (Also check other side)

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4. "Elias" is really Eliphas + Nancy Crabb 3 Aug 1837

#10 1860 Every Name Census Index - Indiana
Many, many Listers but none in Parke Co
Elias (age 30) but no Eliphas
No Emmit; only Henry was age 3; only Robert was age 2
No Manervia / Minerva, no Caroline

In Memory

God hath not promised
Skies always blue,
Flower-strewn pathways
All our lives through;
God hath not promised
Sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow,
Peace without pain.

But God hath promised
Strength for the day,
Rest of the labor,
Light for the way.
Grace for the trials,
Help from above,
Unfailing sympathy,
Undying love . . . .

In Memory Of

LESTER E. CRABB

Date of Birth
Dec. 17, 1903

Date of Death
Jan. 31, 1957

B. P. O. E.

No. 762

--- ECCLESIASTES - 7:2 ---

Memorial Services at
THE FUNERAL HOME
354 East National Avenue, Brazil, Indiana
2:00 P. M., Sunday, February 3, 1957

Officiating
THE REV. FRED BOLINGER

Final Resting Place
COTTAGE HILL CEMETERY

Services Arranged By
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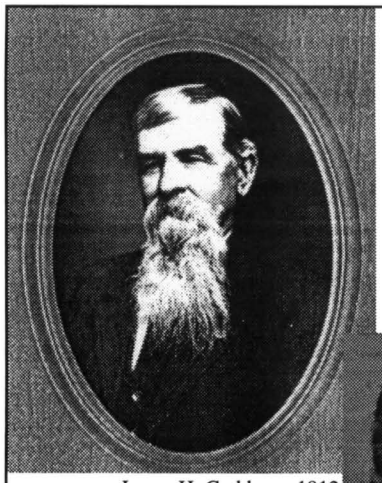
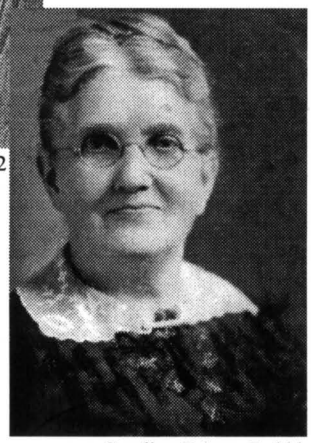
Crabb Family

The Crabbs of Terre Haute

Brothers James H. Crabb (L b.10/31/1842, Parke Co.) and Edward Ralph Crabb, Jr. (R. b. 8/18/1850, Parke Co.) married sisters Caroline Briggs (L., b.11/14/1854) and Josephine Briggs (R., b 2/19/1863).



James H. Crabb c. 1912



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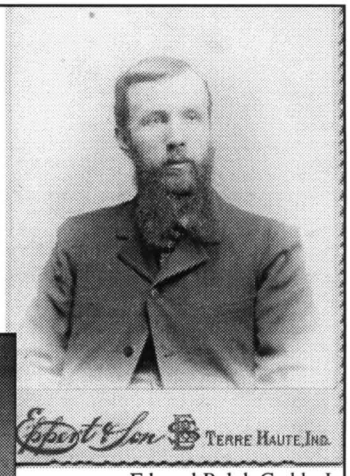
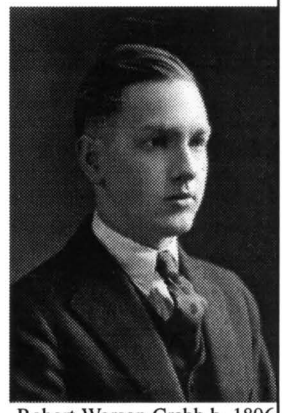


Edward Ralph Crabb, Jr.

Dove Crabb Sayre, b. 7/14/1881

Merrill Crabb, b. 9/15/1893

Edward Fowler Crabb b. 1892.



Robert Warson Crabb b. 1896

Edward R. Crabb, Jr. with wife Josephine Briggs Crabb and sons Edward F. and Robert W. c. 1902

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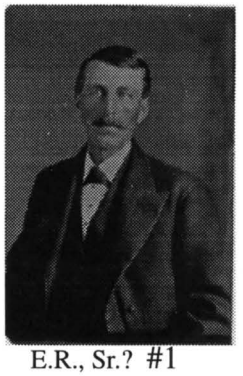
The pictures on this page were found in a leather album belonging to Edward Ralph Crabb, Jr. of Terre Haute, Indiana (b. Indiana 8/18/1849; d. Indiana 7/27/1908) . Some of the pictures may also belong to the Youmans and or the Briggs families of Indiana. Do you recognize anyone? Edward is the son of Edward R., Sr. (b. Ohio 7/21/1815; d. Indiana 8/27/1890), the grandson of James (b. VA. 12/24/1791; d. Indiana 11/15/1858) and the great grandson of Edward Ralph Crabb of Virginia. Most are tintype and probably predate 1900. Please contact me at: Barb Curley; 5713 96th Ave. Ct. W.; Universty Place, WA 98467.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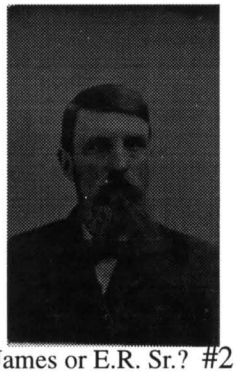
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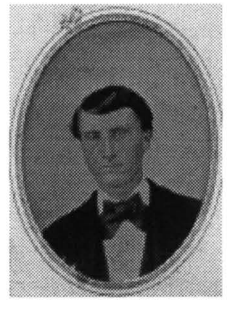
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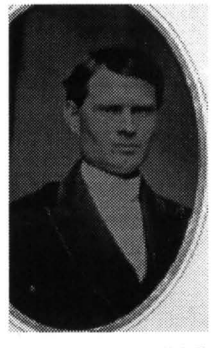
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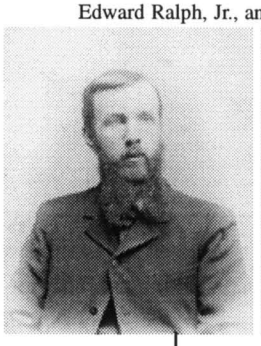
CRABB-WOODMAN FAMILY TREE

Edward Ralph, Jr., and Josephine Crabb



Josephine & William Henery Woodman

Bertha Ann & LaRoo Elias Woodman

Robert Watson & Josephine Woodman Crabb

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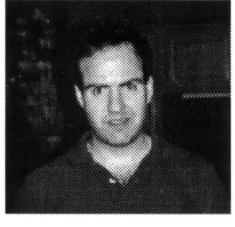

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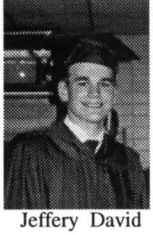

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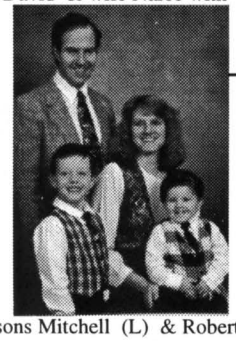

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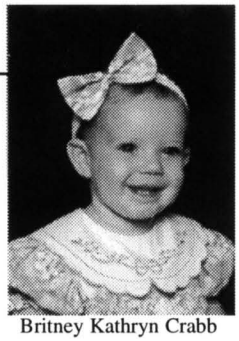

Britney Kathryn Crabb

Julie (F), Jenn (BL) & Jeff (R) Johnson

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Main Street, Tere Haute, IN c. 1920

Gillis Drug Co. on Wabash Ave. c. 1920

Both photos taken by Robert Watson Crabb

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Crabb Family

Brazil Daily Times, Feb. 1, 1957

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BRAZIL, INDIANA, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 195

FORMER ATHLETE DIES

Lester E. Crabb, whose death occurred yesterday, will be remembered as one of the best football players who ever carried the ball for Brazil High School. A big strong boy, he made the varsity team while he was still in the eighth grade, a situation which later deprived him of competition in his Senior year.. He later played professional football with the Jasonville team in the boom days of that mining community. He remained interested in sports all his life. He was an electrician, last employed at the Terre Haute Naval Ordnance Depot.

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Brazil Daily Times, Jan 31, 1957

Lester Crabb, Brazil Native, 53, Dies Today

Lester E. Crabb, 53 years old, one of Brazil's best known and most popular citizens, passed away at 10 o'clock this morning at his residence, 324 East National Avenue, following a courageous effort to overcome a long illness.

"Crabby," as he was known to his host of friends, had spent practically his entire life in this community where he was born December 17, 1903, to Thomas A. and Fanny Hatch Crabb. A graduate of Brazil High School, he was active in all athletics and was an ardent sports fan. A proficient electrician, he had been employed in electrical maintenance work at the Terre Haute Ordnance Depot until illness forced his retirement. He had formerly served as plant superintendent for the Car-Na-Var Corporation.

Always friendly and cheerful, "Crabby" was liked by all who knew him because he liked everyone. He was a member of Brazil Lodge No. 762, B. P. O .Elks, and Brazil Aerie No. 274, F. O. Eagles. During his illness of more than four years, he fought valiantly to regain his health. Following the amputation of his left leg on July 21, 1953, he was extremely hopeful and maintained an optimistic attitude. This morning, just a few minutes before he expired, he was planning to sit up to watch a television program.

He is survived by his wife, Anna; three stepdaughters, Mrs. Bertha Long of Manhattan, Mrs. Geraldine Mitchell of Oruro, Bolivia, and Mrs. Coral Dunkin of West Alexandria, Ohio; three grandchildren to whom he was deeply devoted, Amy Ann Long, Richard Dunkin and John Long, and a brother, Clarence, of Arizona.

Funeral arrangements are pending at the Lawson & Son Funeral Home and details of the services will be announced later.

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R Terre Haute, Ind (1950)
m. 10-8-1903 - Vigo Co. Ind.
Rice Hughes b. Rockwood, Tenn.

PATERNAL

Ruben Crabb

B
M 1-28-1851-
D 4- -1859 - Vigo Co. Ind.
R

John Henry Crabb

B 7-16-1855.
M 8-8-1875 - Vigo Co. Ind.
D 1-4-1902 - Vigo Co. Ind.
Bur. Sulphur Springs Cemetery Parke Co.

Lucretia Loveall

B 9-30-1833
D 1-15-1917 - Terre Haute, Ind.

MATERNAL

Sarah Ann M. Callaway

B 12-16-1850
D 11-6-1903 - Vigo Co. Ind.
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Crabb

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